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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Karen Turner Lee, Commissioner
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RE: Upcoming Meetings on Unemployment Insurance

Dear Commissioner Lee:

During the 2010 interim, the Senate Labor, Commerce, & Consumer Protection Committee and the House Commerce & Labor Committee will hold several joint meetings to discuss Washington's unemployment insurance system as well as other matters.

We would appreciate your assistance in preparing for these meetings. In particular, we request that the Employment Security Department and the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee:

1. Review and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding options for enhancing the effects of the unemployment insurance system on individuals, families, and communities including job search and WorkSource opportunities, and mitigating the effects of the continuing economic downturn, including options for qualifying to receive the modernization incentive payment and adjusting social tax rates;
2. Provide updates on their review of these options at the joint meetings; and
3. Complete their review and make their recommendations by December 1, 2010, so that the Legislature may take action early in the 2011 session.

We look forward to working with the Department and the Advisory Committee on these matters.

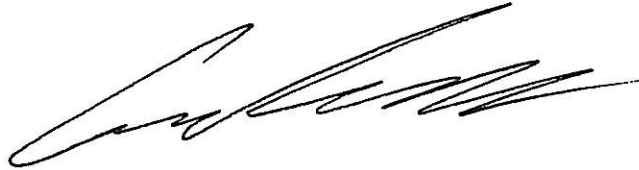
Very truly yours,

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair
Senate Labor, Commerce, & Consumer
Protection Committee

Representative Steve Conway, Chair
House Commerce & Labor Committee



Senator Janea Holmquist, Ranking Member
Senate Labor, Commerce, &
Consumer Protection Committee



Representative Cary Condotta, Ranking
Member
House Commerce & Labor Committee

cc: Lynn Maier, Legislative Liaison, Employment Security Department